

make payments worth several lakhs to Milk Cooperative Societies as arrears during the past few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is great resentment amongst workers of DMS on the payments made to the Cooperative Societies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps the Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). The payments made to the Milk Cooperative Societies by Delhi Milk Scheme during the last few years are as under:-

<i>Period</i>	<i>Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)</i>
1.11.1987 to 31.10.1988	186.58
1.11.1988 to 31.10.1989	164.79
1.11.1990 to 31.12.1990	14.39

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Integrated Horticultural Development Project

2314. SHRIMATI BASAVA-RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Development have selected Karnataka for the implementation of the World Bank aided Integrated Horticultural Development Project;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the proposed project;

(c) whether the expert study team of the World Bank visited Karnataka and had given its report; and

(d) if so, time by which the proposed programme is likely to be implemented alongwith the proposed places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d). In June, 1987, the Government of Karnataka had submitted proposals at a cost of Rs. 49.91 crores on Integrated Development of Horticulture in Karnataka with World Bank assistance a World Bank Mission visited Karnataka in December, 1987 and later proposed a Multi-State Tropical Horticulture Project.

Soviet Aided Coal Mining Projects

2315. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Soviet aided coal mining projects pending at present;

(b) the fate of these projects following the recent developments in the Soviet Union; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to complete these projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Four Soviet aided coal projects are presently under implementation.

(b) Out of the four on-going Soviet assisted Coal Projects, three are on schedule and one has been delayed for reasons not connected with Soviet supplies. However, recent developments in the Soviet Union have inter-alia created certain uncertainties

in the supply of spare parts for Soviet manufactured equipment etc. These issues are being taken up with the Soviet authorities.

(c) The following steps are presently being taken to expedite the timely implementation of these projects:-

- (i) Indigenisation of spare parts to the extent possible is being undertaken.
- (ii) Major assemblies/sub-assemblies in Soviet manufactured equipment are being planned to be replaced with indigenously manufactured assemblies.
- (iii) Direct contacts with Soviet manufacturers are being made to obtain critical spares instead of limiting it to the Trading Houses of Govt. of USSR with which Coal India Ltd. had been dealing earlier.
- (iv) Parallel arrangements for procuring future equipment for these projects from other sources are also being made as felt necessary.

Development of Coal Mines in Madhya Pradesh

2316. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government for development of coal and other mines in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has approached the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUA): (a) to (c). Development of coal mines in Madhya Pradesh and other States is taken up progressively to increase production for meeting the projected demand. Projects are planned/formulated by the coal companies based on projected demand on the coalfield, development plan, techno-economic feasibility, prospects of establishing coal production etc. The present level of coal production in Madhya Pradesh is 65.36 million tonnes (1990-91). According to present projects coal production is expected to be over 77 million tonnes by 1996-97 in Madhya Pradesh.

The Ministry has received requests from Government of Madhya Pradesh/Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board for coal linkage for Bina and Raigarh TPS from Singrauli and Mand-Raigarh coal-field respectively. Coal linkages are decided by the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) on Thermal Power Stations after these Power Projects are included by the Planning Commission in the 5 year Plans.

Losses to BCCL in Selling of Coal

2317. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. has suffered losses in selling of coal;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard and if so, the finding thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUA): (a) to (e). During 1989-90 before adjustment for Coal Price Regulation